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YUKON RETAIL SALES

May 2007

1 Monthly Retail Sales, Yukon *(not seasonally adjusted)*

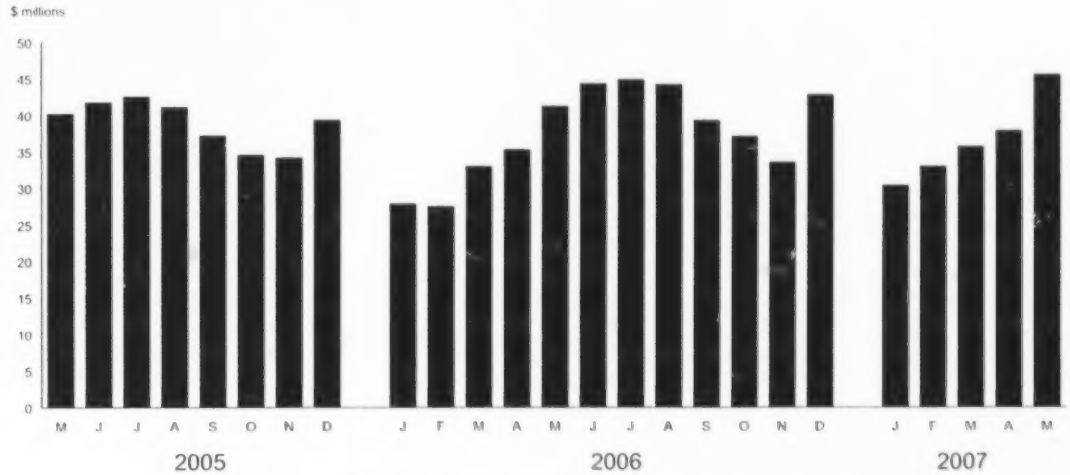
- Total preliminary retail sales in the Yukon for May 2007 were $45,581,000
- The May 2006 figure was $41,256,000
- The difference was an increase of.....$4,325,000
- As a percentage, the increase was.....10.5%

Preliminary unadjusted estimates of Yukon retail sales for May 2007 increased 10.5% from figures for May 2006. Canada's retail sales were up 10.1% over the same time period.

On an annual basis, retail sales in the Yukon for 2006 totalled $451,134,000; an increase of $17,220,000, or 4.0% over the 2005 annual total of $433,914,000.

Retail sales in the Yukon follow a seasonal trend with higher sales during the summer months and lower sales in the winter. The month of December is the exception, with strong retail sales during the Christmas season.

Yukon Monthly Retail Sales
May 2005 to May 2007



Each column represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the column.

2 Yukon Retail Sales *(not seasonally adjusted)*

		Monthly Sales ($000,000)	Change from Previous Month (%)	Change from Same Month One Year Before (%)	Year-to-Date Total Sales ($000,000)	Change from Year-to-Date One Year Before (%)
2007	May (p)	45.6	20.3	10.5	182.5	10.8
	Apr (r)	37.9	6.2	7.5	137.0	10.8
	Mar	35.7	8.2	8.3	99.1	12.2
	Feb	33.0	8.6	20.0	63.4	14.5
	Jan	30.4	-29.1	9.2	30.4	9.2
2006	Dec	42.8	27.5	9.0	451.1	4.0
	Nov	33.6	-9.5	-1.6	408.3	3.5
	Oct	37.1	-5.6	7.6	374.7	3.9
	Sep	39.3	-11.1	5.7	337.6	3.6
	Aug	44.2	-1.5	7.7	298.2	3.3
	Jul	44.9	1.2	5.6	254.0	2.6
	Jun	44.3	7.5	6.4	209.2	1.9
	May	41.1	17.0	2.8	164.8	0.8
	Apr	35.3	6.9	-0.1	123.6	0.2
	Mar	33.0	19.9	-2.7	88.3	0.2
	Feb	27.5	-1.2	3.8	55.3	2.1
	Jan	27.8	-29.2	0.4	27.8	0.4
2005	Dec	39.3	15.0	-0.6	433.9	4.8
	Nov	34.1	-1.1	4.1	394.6	5.4
	Oct	34.5	-7.2	0.3	360.5	5.5
	Sep	37.2	-9.4	7.1	326.0	6.1
	Aug	41.1	-3.3	4.8	288.8	6.0
	Jul	42.5	1.9	4.3	247.7	6.2
	Jun	41.7	3.8	6.7	205.2	6.6
	May	40.1	13.8	14.0	163.5	6.5

(p)—Preliminary figures (r)—Revised figures

In May 2007, the unadjusted preliminary retail sales figure in the Yukon ($45,581,000) increased 20.3% from the revised figure for April '07 ($37,898,000). Sales increased by 17.0% from April to May '06 and increased 13.8% from April to May '05.

On an annual basis, retail sales in the Yukon for 2006 totalled $451,134,000; an increase of $17,220,000, or 4.0% over the 2005 annual total of $433,914,000.

3 Yukon Monthly Retail Sales by trade group *(not seasonally adjusted)*

		Total Sales	Automotive	Food and beverage stores	Clothing and accessories stores	Other Trade Groups*
		$ 000s				
2007 May	(p)	45,581	15,990	13,000	1,283	15,308
Apr	(r)	37,898	12,853	11,066	1,128	12,851
Mar		35,699	11,654	11,076	1,226	11,743
Feb		32,982	12,822	9,234	1,080	9,846
Jan		30,383	10,157	9,188	928	10,110
2006 Dec		42,833	11,017	12,997	2,246	16,573
Nov		33,604	10,250	10,045	1,396	11,913
Oct		37,130	13,004	10,414	1,239	12,473
Sep		39,318	13,377	11,120	1,403	13,418
Aug		44,217	15,138	12,568	1,491	15,020
Jul		44,868	16,659	12,532	1,327	14,350
Jun		44,347	15,639	12,673	1,368	14,667
May		41,256	15,187	11,512	1,465	13,092

(p)—Preliminary figures (r)—Revised figures

*See footnotes on page 4.

4 Yukon Annual Retail Sales by trade group *(not seasonally adjusted)*

	Total Sales	Automotive	Food and beverage stores	Clothing and accessories stores	Other Trade Groups*
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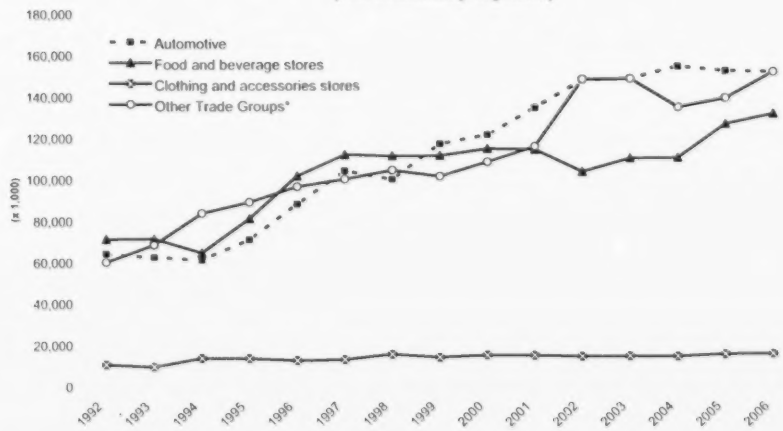
2006	451,134	151,895	131,674	15,607	151,958
2005	433,914	152,421	126,803	15,444	139,246
2004	413,966	154,487	110,408	14,267	134,804
2003	421,648	148,563	110,130	14,396	148,559
2002	413,863	147,830	103,584	14,259	148,190
2001	379,591	134,517	114,417	14,845	115,812
2000	359,434	121,459	114,732	14,884	108,359
1999	343,723	117,034	111,381	13,898	101,410
1998	330,911	99,927	111,211	15,465	104,308
1997	328,844	104,065	111,914	12,831	100,034
1996	298,257	87,993	101,529	12,378	96,356
1995	254,013	70,757	80,927	13,424	88,905
1994	222,414	60,985	64,402	13,511	83,515
1993	211,028	62,281	71,181	9,293	68,273
1992	205,115	63,884	70,999	10,392	59,839

*See footnote on page 4.

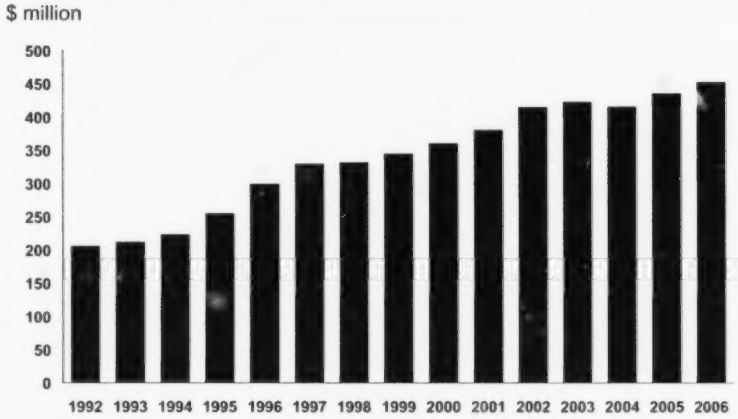
Retail trade by trade group, 1992-2006
(Not seasonally adjusted)



5 Retail Trade Survey Information

Retail sales figures obtained from surveys and GST remittances are a key monthly indicator of consumer purchasing patterns in Canada. Furthermore, retail sales are an important component of the Gross Domestic Product, which measures Canada's production, and are part of many economic models used by public and private agencies. The Bank of Canada relies partly on monthly retail sales estimates when making decisions that influence interest rates. Businesses use retail sales estimates to track their own performance against industry averages and to prepare investment strategies.

6 Yukon Retail Sales *(not seasonally adjusted)* Annual Estimates, 1992 to 2006



During the past 15 years, annual retail sales in the Yukon have ranged from a low of $205,115,000 in 1992 to the 2006 figure of $451,134,000. The largest increase in sales over the previous year occurred in 1996 when sales were up $44,244,000, or 17.4%, over sales in 1995. The only decrease in sales occurred in 2004, when sales fell $7,682,000, or 1.8%, from the 2003 figure.

Retail sales in the Yukon have increased each year since 1992 with exception of the slight decrease in 2004.

	Yukon		Canada	
	Retail Sales ($million)	% change from previous year	Retail Sales ($million)	% change from previous year
2006	451.1	4.0	389,567.4	6.4
2005	433.9	4.8	366,170.7	5.6
2004	414.0	-1.8	346,721.5	4.7
2003	421.6	1.9	331,146.6	3.6
2002	413.9	9.0	319,525.4	6.3
2001	379.6	5.6	300,447.9	4.4
2000	359.4	4.6	287,838.4	6.0
1999	343.7	3.9	271,532.0	5.9
1998	330.9	0.6	256,494.4	3.9
1997	328.8	10.3	246,817.9	8.0
1996	298.3	17.4	228,439.6	3.3
1995	254.0	14.2	221,077.9	3.3
1994	222.4	5.4	213,991.7	7.4
1993	211.0	2.9	199,334.9	5.1
1992	205.1	-	189,661.7	-

Footnotes:

1. Definitions of the NAICS categories included in each trade group are available through the Bureau of Statistics.
2. 'Other Trade Groups' is equal to total sales minus the trade groups listed. 'Other Trade Groups' includes *Furniture, Home Furnishings and Electronics Stores; Building and Outdoor Home Supplies Stores; Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores; General Merchandise Stores and Miscellaneous Retailers*, which are not released separately by Statistics Canada due to confidentiality restrictions.

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